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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 11 August 1955, the strength of Unit Drenov in the Fridericus Kaserne (2205) in Neuruppin was estimated at approximately 1100 soldiers. Fifty-two T-54s, 25 T-34/85s, 3 armored personnel carriers and 30 sidecar motor cycles were definitely seen in the 4 tank garages of this unit. Each T-34/85 was equipped with new tracks by 3-4 soldiers. On 13 August, a total of 30 T-54s and 15 JS-Is was observed in the garages of the Unit Kovalenkov. On the same day 6 x T-54s, 3 x JSU-122, and 3 x JS-Is were seen standing before the filling stations of the Unit Mitrofanov. The vehicles were heavily soiled as if they had returned from an exercise. It was determined that every unit has its own filling station.
2. On 11 August 1955, at approximately 2130, only about 40 percent of the windows in the Fridericus-Kaserne (2205) were lit.¹
3. On 2 August, 20-25 trucks, 12 AAA guns, presumably 85-mm, and 2 vehicles carrying fire-control equipment left the Schlossgarten (2227) prohibited area in Neustrelitz.

On 3 August, at 0900, numerous trucks and AAA-guns were observed standing in the yard of the prohibited area. The vehicles were not seen at noon. Between 8 and 17 August, the prohibited area seemed to be almost empty.²

1. Comment. The units, which were named after their supply officers, involve the following tank regiments of the 12 Gds Tank Div: Unit Drenov is the 49th Gds Tank Regt, Unit Kovalenkov is the 66th Gds Tank Regt, and Unit Mitrofanov is the 71th Gds Hv Tank Sp Regt. A total of 88 x T-54s was observed in the Fridericus Kaserne. According to available information, the 12th Gds Tank Div received approximately 200-220 x T-54s prior to 11 August. The equipment of the Hv Tank Sp Regt with T-54s is especially noteworthy. Between 7 and 12 August 1955, the 12 Gds Tank Div held an exercise in the area of the Wittstock training grounds.
2. Comment. It was reported for the first time that the 121 (?) AAA Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div, stationed in the Schlossgarten prohibited area was equipped with 85-mm AAA guns. It cannot be determined whether this unit has left its post.

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